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Former St. Mary priest is sentenced to prison

A former priest at St. Mary Catholic Church in Wayne has vowed to appeal the prison term imposed by the court last week.

Joseph “Father Jack” Baker, 61, was found guilty and sentenced to 3-15 years in prison for the rape of an elementary student at St. Mary Catholic School during the mid-2000s. His sentencing hearing took place March 1 in Wayne County Third Circuit Court last week. Baker was found guilty on Oct. 2022 of first-degree criminal conduct-sexual penetration with a person under the age of 13. His prison sentence will be reduced by the 140 days Baker has already served in jail.

The charges stemmed from 2004 when the alleged victim was a second-grade student at St. Mary Catholic School in Wayne and Baker served as pastor of the church. The victim told law

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enforcement officials he was sent to the church sacristy during an after-school religious program to retrieve a book when the sexual assault occurred.

The victim, who is now in his mid-20s, only revealed the assault to his parents in 2019, according to court reports. His parents reported the allegation to the archdiocese and church officials forwarded the charge to the office of the state attorney general.

Prosecutors claimed Baker

admitted his guilt during a conversation with the victim's father, which was recorded. Prosecutors said Baker admitted his guilt and apologized for the incident while defense attorneys disputed that interpretation of the conversation.

Six former teachers and staff members at the religious school spoke in defense of Baker and explained that the child would never have been sent to the sacristy and would not have taken part in after school religious education as these classes were only offered to non-students at the parish school. The victim was a student and therefore would not have attended those classes, the witnesses testified. The victim claimed he attended the classes as part of preparation for his first communion because he had missed several sessions.



Father Jack Baker

Baker repeatedly denied the allegations and continued to deny his guilt during his sentencing hearing.

Baker's attorney, Alison Kriger, said an appeal of the verdict is planned.

Mixing it up District culinary students compete for championship honors

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools will compete to avoid the “chopping block” in a statewide culinary competition as they vie for an opportunity to be the best student chef in Michigan, and potentially move on to a national cooking contest.

“This team is quite possibly the most caring, kind, hard-working, respectful and tough young culinarians I've ever had the pleasure of coaching in 22 years and their talent is something we should all watch for in the months and years to come,” said Diana Woodward, district chef instructor and coach.

The Hospitality and Culinary Arts Team has 10 members who competed last weekend at the Michigan ProStart Competition in Port Huron. The top Michigan team will then go on to compete May 2-4 at the National ProStart Invitational in Washington, D.C.

Student participants competed in three events, including: creating a nutritious and delicious children's menu; developing a restaurant from the ground up and pitching it “Shark Tank”-style to judges, complete with a written proposal and preparing a three-course dinner without refrigeration, electricity or running water. Students will have camp stoves for heat.



The Plymouth Canton Community Schools Hospitality and Culinary Arts Team competed last weekend at the Michigan ProStart Competition in Port Huron. The team is coached by Diana Woodward, district chef instructor.

Nearly 50 students are enrolled in the Plymouth-Canton hospitality and culinary arts program, considered among the best in the state, according to educators. The program consistently ranks among the top programs in the state and across the country, according to ProStart and SkillsUSA career and technical programs. In 2022, the Plymouth-Canton program was ranked first or second in the state - and across the country - for

culinary, restaurant service, baking and management programs.

“I've always wanted to be a chef and cook for people, so being in the culinary arts program shows me what it's like to work in a restaurant,” said Salem High School junior Charlie Salowich, a member of the team at the ProStart Competition. “Competing against students from other schools is a lot of fun because we get to go up against people from all over the state and see

how good we really are.”

Salowich and the team practice four times a week in preparation for the ProStart Competition. During a recent practice, Salowich sauteed a mirepoix of onions, carrots and celery while nearby, teammate Yamira Garver kept a close eye on sugar bubbling in a ramekin as it became caramel.

“I love this team so much,” Garver said. “They're fun and they love food as much as I do.”

Romulus mayor seeks oversight of waste disposal

City of Romulus officials recently issued an update regarding the shipments of toxic waste from the train derailment in East Palestine, OH into the community.

Upon receiving notification from Republic Waste that the Romulus Deep Well Injection facility was accepting delivery of liquid waste from the Ohio train derailment that occurred Feb. 3, Mayor Robert McCraight and his team immediately reached out to city, county, state and federal agencies for assistance to better understand how this was transpiring without notification to the city, explained the prepared statement. With the help

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of elected officials, further shipments to the Romulus facility were halted and this past week, McCraight met with officials from Republic and requested details in an effort to better inform the public and clarify the situation.

As early as Feb. 10, Republic began to accept samples for testing of the liquid proposed to be shipped from East Palestine, officials said. On Feb. 20, the Romulus Republic facility began accepting ship-

ments, processing and injecting the liquid product into the well. From Feb. 20 until Feb. 24, the well injected approximately 313,807 gallons of product from a total of 63 shipments that averaged between 4,000-5,200 gallons per shipment. Lab results show the products discharged into the well satisfy the guidelines as set forth by both the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the state Department of Environment, Great Lakes and

Energy (EGLE). Official documents obtained by the City of Romulus indicate that the product was comprised of 95-99 percent water. Even though the products appear to meet the EPA requirements, shipments into Michigan were stopped during the evening of Feb. 24.

McCraight has since met or spoken with elected officials and representatives of multiple organizations to discuss next steps.

“This is a regional issue, not just a Romulus issue, we have to focus on overall transportation protocols and best prac-

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CANTON - WAYNE

County OKs \$4.75 million share in project

Members of the Wayne County Commission have approved the use of \$4.75 million in county American Rescue Plan (ARPA) funds for renovation and revitalization of Cherry Hill Village in Canton Township.

Members of the Canton Township Board of Trustees approved an intergovernmental agreement with the county earlier this month and approved the use of \$4.75 including township ARPA funds, Wayne County millage funds and money from the township general fund.

Plans including the construction of new restaurants, open-air dining, a new park and public recreational programs were presented to members of the Wayne County Commission last week and the matching \$4.75 million in county funding approved.

The project, called Canton Town Square, has been the subject of discussion among township and county officials for more than a year. Canton Township Supervisor Anne Marie Graham-Hudak said the project would fill a need in the community for a “walkable, economically vital downtown community.” She said this partnership with Wayne County would double the amount of funding for the project.

Cherry Hill Village is a designed community which features homes with front porches, picket fences, parks and walkable streets.

The projected commercial and retail district in the community was not completed, officials said. Graham-Hudak said that small businesses established in the village community struggled and sometimes failed.

Preliminary plans for the revitalization also include the creation of Factory Park on 14 acres of undeveloped land behind the Village Arts Factory Campus. Improvements to Preservation Park are planned along with added Canton Leisure Services programming, Arts & Humanities community events, an improved sidewalk and trail system and parking improvements.

Canton Township Clerk Michael Siegrist explained that the plans for the project would be presented to the public before construction was under way. He noted, too, that residents on the west side of the township often go elsewhere for entertainment. He said he hoped the proposed project would allow Canton residents to feel more comfortable staying in the community. He said he felt the project was good for the environment and good for the community.



Police quick response team now includes Wayne



The City of Wayne is the 21st local community to join the Families Against Narcotics COMEBACK Quick Response Team. Marking the official adoption of the program last month were, from left, Mayor John Rhaesa, FAN Peer Recovery Coach Dede Love, Police Chief Ryan Strong, Ofc. Joshua Priebe, Ofc. Keith Zavitz, Ofc. Heather Holcomb, FAN Executive Director Linda Davis, Northwest Wayne FAN President Lauren Rousseau and Northwest Wayne FAN Secretary Judge Laura Mack.

The City of Wayne has joined the Families Against Narcotics COMEBACK program, becoming the 21st local department to participate in the Quick Response Team effort. The COMEBACK program offers help to those who have survived an overdose or had contact with law enforcement because of substance use.

Families Against Narcotics (FAN) is a community-based organization for those seeking recovery, those in recovery, family members affected by addiction, and community supporters, organizers explained. FAN members seek to change the face of addiction, dispel the stigma of addiction, and educate the community, as well as those affected by addiction.

The group began in Macomb County and has now grown into an organization with chapters across Michigan.

The mission of the group is to offer community-based, com-

passionate, best-practice/evidence-based services to people who have been affected by addiction-including individuals with substance abuse disorders (SUD) and their families to help erase the stigma of addiction while instilling compassion and hope, the organization website explained.

An integral part of that mission to remove the stigma associated with addiction includes education while informing the community of the growing problem of substance dependency or addiction among all ages, along with information about the increasing use of heroin by young people.

FAN also provides education through professional and guest speakers.

FAN creates a support network for those affected by addiction so no family or individual need suffer alone, according to the organization website.

Canton churches will host ‘Culture & Cuisine’ events

Events designed to explore the diverse cultures in the community are planned at area places of worship in Canton Township this spring.

Organizers said each visit will offer a brief overview of the faith, customs, and beliefs, as well as samples of some representative food and music from that featured, unique culture.

“We’re excited to once again be able to provide these unique culinary and cultural experiences to provide an opportunity for Canton residents to get to know their neighbors and increase their understanding of the unique cultures that make up our community,” said Jennifer Girard, recreation specialist. “We hope that these diverse experiences will encourage dialogue and engagement within our community that will ultimately lead to more appreciation and acceptance.”

The 'Culture & Cuisine' experiences will take place from 6 until 8:30 p.m. on scheduled Fridays. Upcoming sessions are planned for March 24 at Geneva Presbyterian Church, located at 5835 N. Sheldon Road; April 28 at Darbar Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji, located at 48055 Michigan Ave and May 5 at St. Thomas aBecket Catholic Church, located at 555 S. Lilley Road. The May 5 event will take place from 6:30 until 8:30 p.m.

There is a \$10 per person fee for each visit and visitors can choose from any or all of the houses of worship to attend. Registered participants are asked to meet at the house of worship on the scheduled day.

Tickets for the events are very limited, organizers cautioned, and early registration is strongly advised. All funds collected from these sessions will be donated to the Interfaith Community Outreach. For additional information about these special events in the Canton community, or to register, visit www.cantonfun.org or call (734)394-5460.

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2021 BIG TEX (16V1D1929M5031585)
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2009 FORD
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2009 FORD
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2011 CHEVROLET
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2012 FORD
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1999 CHEVROLET
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2004 PONTIAC
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2004 FORD
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2018 KIA
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2000 JEEP
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2017 GENUINE
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2010 MERCEDES
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2020 PACE
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2020 DODGE

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PLYMOUTH

District students advise school board members

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools students are making an impact - in real time and in an official capacity - on school district policies through a newly created committee.

The students, through the Student Voice in Action Committee (SVA), are part of the Plymouth Canton Community Schools Board of Education. A brainchild of Board of Education President Shawn Wilson and approved unanimously by the board, the student committee members are already offering student perspectives on some key issues affecting them, including diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives, social-emotional health programs within the district, and ways to enhance the student experience both in and out of the classroom, officials said.

“At Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, getting the perspectives of our students on policies that affect them is essential if we're going to encourage independent thinking, problem solving and student leadership,” said Wilson, who is also the CEO of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Southeastern Michigan. “As a member of the board and someone who loves this community, I'm amazed every day at the passion and wisdom our young people are bringing to the table.”

Officially formed in December 2022, the SVA Committee is off to a fast start. The group meets twice a month to tackle issues that are important to students - from safety matters to classroom learning to health and wellness. In addition to attending board meetings, the next milestone for students on the SVA Committee is working with board members and administrators to implement their recommendations.

The SVA committee includes about 60 students from grades 6-12 who attend all five district middle schools, Canton, Salem and Plymouth high schools and Starkweather Academy.

“SVA provides a platform for students to voice their concerns and ideas on school policies that have a direct effect on them,” said committee member and student Haidy Zhang. “This not only allows administration to gain deeper insight on the needs of the students, but this also helps foster a sense of belonging and inclusion for the student body.”

“For me, being a part of SVA has been a remarkable experience. It has given me the opportunity to connect with so many other students who share an equal passion for initiating change, and I believe that together we can make a positive impact on our community for years to come,” Zhang said.

In addition to Wilson and students, board members Anupam Chugh Sidhu and Lauren Christensen, as well as Superintendent Dr. Monica Merritt and Assistant Superintendent Dr. Liz Vartanian-Gibbs, are also members of the SVA Committee.

“By providing a platform for student voices, student agency and student action, the SVA Committee supports our district's dynamic plan of connecting all aspects of a student's learning experience, inside and outside the classroom,” Merritt said. “As educators, we're thrilled to see our students act as engaged citizens.”



88.1 The Park radio station Community Focus interview of 2022 Student Voice and Action Committee.

Legislator supports protection of election workers

State Rep. Matt Koleszar, D-Plymouth, strongly supports proposed legislation to protect election workers in the state.

Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson, the chairs of both the Senate and House elections committees, and numerous other lawmakers, including Koleszar, are promoting legislative plans to protect the people who protect democracy - the thousands of election workers and millions of voters in Michigan. “We have made great strides expanding the voice and protecting the vote of every Michigan citizen over these last few years, but we have more work to do,” said Benson. “We are in an era of misinformation with voters being lied to about their right to vote and election workers subject to a near constant barrage of threats and harassment for simply doing their jobs. We must do more to protect the people who protect democracy.” State lawmakers said they plan to reintroduce and enact legislation to ban and increase the penalty for threatening or harassing election workers and for pressuring election officials to act illegally. The group plans to introduce legislation to ban deceptive practices in elections such as lying to voters when seeking their signatures on petitions and knowingly sharing false information about elections and citizens' ability to vote and will provide sufficient funding to township, city and county clerks to ensure their security and the security of their elections and voters, according to a statement from Benson's office.

“I am proud of the work I've done as a member of the House elections committee and I look forward to continuing that work in the majority,” said Koleszar . “Safe and secure elections are the cornerstone of our democracy, and I am happy to continue to work with Secretary Benson on reforms to protect the right to vote and ensure fair, transparent, and accessible elections.”

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State Rep. Matt Koleszar

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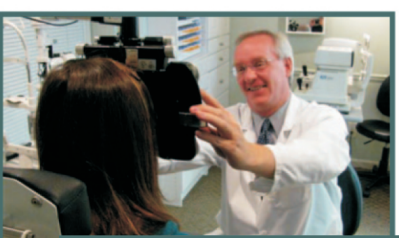
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Romulus

County demands improved rail safety, communication

Wayne County Commission Chair Alisha Bell and her fellow commissioners are calling on federal officials to enact rail safety and improve communication with local officials following the recent train derailments in Ohio.

Wayne County Executive Warren Evans' office received information that Norfolk Southern was transporting hazardous waste resulting from the East Palenstine Ohio derailment for disposal in both Romulus and Van Buren Township in Wayne County after the waste had already arrived at the sites.

The administration learned that Republic Services had been authorized by the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy, along with the U.S. Environment Protection Agency (EPA), to receive diluted toxic waste in both liquid and solid forms at its Romulus Injection Well Facility. Two days earlier, on Feb. 22, Republic Services had been authorized to receive solid toxic waste at the Van Buren Township facility.

Following criticism of the lack of communication on the process, the EPA halted shipments of toxic waste to the Wayne County sites Friday, Feb. 24.

"I am pleased that toxic waste from the derailment has been halted from coming into our county, but more must be done to prevent something like this from ever happening again," Bell said. "As a county commission, we will do everything in our power to make sure safety measures are in place to protect our residents."

"It is disappointing that there was no knowledge of this happening," said Commissioner Al Haidous (D-Wayne), whose District 11 communities include Romulus and Van Buren Township.

"This is a safety issue for Wayne County residents and one that cannot be compromised by any means," Haidous said.

"We were extremely disappointed that plans had been made and carried out," Bell said. "Moving forward, we will ask for a review of safety and notification measures at Republic's Van Buren and Romulus facilities and any other Wayne County landfill operations."

Bell also noted that federal officials must enact new safety rules for trains carrying toxic materials.

"This isn't a political issue, it's a public safety issue," she said.

An inquiry is expected to be made involving the EPA, Department of Transportation, state of Ohio and all others involved in derailment determining how waste disposal will be handled, according to a prepared statement from the entire board of commissioners.

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tices. There has to be clear oversight and inspection processes that hold companies accountable to the citizen's safety, these should not be self-reporting processes," said McCraight. "We have to seriously consider if Michigan and the world's largest supply of fresh water is the best location for an injection well."

This week State Sen. Darrin Camilleri took the first step and secured an additional \$500,000 toward increased oversight and inspections at the Romulus well location. Republic has shared the following information in regard to the shipments:

- At derailment site liquids are extracted and screened
- Following the screening process disposal options are determined
- Romulus deep well is selected as best option for disposal
- Material consists of AFFF (fire-fighting foam which has



- PFAS chemicals), vinyl chloride and water
- Upon arrival at Romulus deep well the material is screened and tested to confirm disposal requirements
 - Once confirmed waste material is safely disposed into the deep well
 - Approximately 300,000 gallons were safely disposed
 - Over 60 truckloads of materi-

- al were delivered to the deep well facility
 - Truck route consisted of I-94 to Middlebelt Exit; south on Middlebelt to Wick Road; east on Wick Road to Inkster Road; north on Inkster Road to Citron Drive until arrival at the facility
 - EGLE inspects this facility on a quarterly basis
- Romulus officials said they

were grateful to the officials and organizations that quickly and actively supported the city in an effort to halt further shipments of waste to the Romulus site and into the State of Michigan.

Support came from Wayne County CEO Warren Evans, Camilleri; State Reps. Reggie Miller, Dylan Wegela, and James DeSana; U.S.

Congresswoman Debbie Dingell; U.S. Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib; Romulus City Council members; Huron Township Supervisor David Glaab; City of Taylor Mayor Tim Wooley; Conference of Western Wayne; Downriver Community Conference members and the Wayne County Emergency Management and Homeland Security office.

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SUMPTER - WESTLAND



Training sessions

Five Sumpter Township police officers were among the latest participants in the Louisiana State University National Center for Biomedical Research and Training Academy of Counter Terrorist Education. To date, 11 Sumpter officers have completed both class sessions and the remainder of the township officers will attend the course later this year, officials said. The first class, Law Enforcement Active Shooter Emergency Response, took place in January and 27 officers from local communities participated in an effort to improve their knowledge, skills, and abilities to rapidly deploy and neutralize violent offenders during active shooter situations or mass casualty incidents to prevent the loss of lives. The second class, Active Threat Integrated Response, took place last month when 34 police, fire, and EMS officers, including four firefighters and five police officers from Sumpter, come together to train in improving integration between law enforcement, fire, and emergency medical services (EMS) in active shooter events. Added sessions are expected to be scheduled later this year, officials said, to ensure all Sumpter Township emergency personnel experience the advanced training.

Westland mourns death of 30-year city employee

Members of the Westland community are mourning the death of Dave Monak, a constant presence at city events for more than 30 years.

In social media posts last week, members of the city administration said the news of Mr. Monak's death left them with a heavy heart and noted that Mr. Monak had been employed with the City of Westland Community Media Department for more than

three decades.

"There is no doubt you have seen him at many city events over the years. Through all of the major city milestones, Dave was there camera in hand. He captured great images and footage all over town including the Summer Festival, Blues, Brews & Barbecue, concerts in the park, and thousands of other studio and remote productions," the Facebook post announcing Mr. Monak's death

continued.

"It is without a shadow of a doubt in my mind that you have communicated with him at some point or another while attending one of the numerous community activities that have taken place over the course of the years. David took photographs at each and every significant public gathering that took place in the city, and he chronicled each and every one of them with his camera," commented

Westland Mayor Mike Londeau.

These community programs went on to win a number of awards, according to a spokesman. As a direct result of Mr. Monak's work, WLND was honored with a great deal of professional recognition. Mr. Monak was an avid follower of science fiction and enjoyed having conversations about movies of all genres. Mr. Monak even meticulously created his very own miniature version of the

robot from Lost in Space, friends recalled.

"In spite of the fact that we are very saddened by our friend's passing and will miss him dearly, we find some solace in the fact that he is no longer suffering from the unpleasant side effects of the cancer treatment he underwent," Londeau's statement concluded.

Funeral and interment information were unavailable at press time.

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New city manager takes oath of office

New Northville City Manager George Lahanas was on the job this week, beginning his employment with the city. He was sworn into office by City Clerk Mike Smith at the regular city council meeting



City Manager George Lahanas

Monday, March 6.

In his new capacity with the city, Lahanas' office will provide general administrative services for the management of the city to ensure that all city council policies and directives are implemented. Lahanas will coordinate the work of all city departments and employees and he will be responsible for the enforcement of all ordinances and expenditure of funds in accordance with the budget and the Northville City Charter.

Lahanas was the city manager of East Lansing for 11 years, and served that city for a total of 24 years. He earned his Master of Public Administration degree from Northern Michigan University, with a concentration in personnel and labor relations. He was awarded his bachelor of science degree, cum laude, from Northern Michigan University, with a major in criminal justice.

Lahanas lives in East Lansing with his wife, Shelley, and two teen daughters, Eleni and Marina.



Winning streak

The Northville Township Fire Department team brought home the trophy for Best Firehouse Chili during the annual Chili'in the Ville event in downtown Northville recently. This was the second consecutive win for the township firefighters who wished their rivals from the city "better luck next year." The event drew a large crowd into downtown all sampling the various entries from local restaurants along with the two fire departments. The township champs have promised to return next year, hoping for a three-peat.

Inkster man facing drug, weapons felony charges

A 34-year-old Inkster man was among three suspects arrested and each charged with seven felonies following an investigation by the Tri-County Drug Enforcement Task Force and the Chippewa County Sheriff in Sault Ste. Marie.

According to a Facebook post by the Chippewa County Sheriff's Office, 36-year-old Joshua Allen O'Connor of Kincheloe, 36-year-old Brian Thomas Nielson of Kincheloe, and Brian Antonio Hicks of Inkster were arrested following several reports of drug overdoses in Chippewa County. One overdose killed a young Sault Ste. Marie man, according

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to police sources.

Trident detectives assisted the Sault Ste Marie Police Department in the investigation into the death. As part of that investigation, detectives looked into a group of people believed to be selling methamphetamine

and cocaine, which was thought to be mixed with fentanyl. A take-out restaurant in Kincheloe was allegedly the base of this operation, according to police.

Detectives conducted three search warrants on Feb. 24 - for O'Connor, Neilson and Hicks. All three suspects were found at the restaurant in Kincheloe, which the Chippewa County Sheriff said was owned by one of the suspects.

Detectives found a large amount of cocaine and methamphetamine suspected to be laced with fentanyl. Detectives also found a loaded handgun and other evidence such as a digital

scale, baggies, and U.S. Currency. Each of the men is charged with delivery of methamphetamine; delivery of cocaine; weapons, firearm possession by felon; weapons, possession; felony firearm; conspiracy to deliver methamphetamine and conspiracy to deliver cocaine. O'Connor and Neilson are both fourth offense habitual offenders.

All three were lodged in the Chippewa County Correctional Facility and have been arraigned in Chippewa County's 91st District Court. Detectives are continuing the investigation into the overdose death and more arrests or charges are expected.



Brian Antonio Hicks

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